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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 886

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

USINT BAGHDAD POUCH

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT POUCH

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: UR, XF, PINS

SUBJECT: SOVIET MESSAGE ON MIDDLE EAST

1. THE KUWAIT PRESS REPORTED THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD CALLED UPON THE AMIR ON MAY 3 TO PRESENT A MESSAGE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THEIR POSITION WITH REGARD TO CURRENT MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS. PRESS REPORTS INDICATED THAT, IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST FOR THE KUWAIT VIEWPOINT, THE AMIR REASSERTED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE VARIOUS ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCES, INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICULARLY THOSE ADOPTED IN RABAT.

2. DURING A MEETING WITH CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER SHAIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLA MAY 6, THE AMBASSADOR INQUIRED AS TO THE NATURE OF THE SOVIET DEMARCHE. SHAIKH SA'AD DID NOT PROVIDE ANY DETAILS CONCERNING THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH THE AMIR OTHER THAN TO

REMARK THAT THE SOVIETS, OF COURSE, CONTINUED TO OPPOSE THE SADAT PEACE STRATEGY.

3. ON THE PREVIOUS DAY (MAY 5), IN AN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR, THE AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD THAT THE DEMARCHE WAS REGARDED AS A SORT OF GESTURE BY THE USSR TO KEEP ITS HAND IN THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

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